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55th Annual Everglades Seafood Festival scheduled for February 7-9, 2025

EVERGLADES CITY, Fla. (October 30, 2024)— The Everglades Seafood Festival, presented by the Florida Stone Crabbers Association (FLSCA), is set to commence Friday, February 7th, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., just outside Everglades City Hall at 102 Copeland Ave. North. The festival will conclude at 6 p.m. Sunday, February 9th, 2025. Made possible through generous support from the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and local sponsors, the festival will include live music, creative works by local artisans, an array of seafood, a variety of beverages and carnival rides. The complete entertainment schedule is forthcoming.

Each year, tens of thousands of visitors from around the world converge on Everglades City to partake in three days of festivities to benefit the community. Proceeds from the 2024 festival aided state-wide hurricane recovery efforts, though restoration is ongoing. Financial assistance was also extended to the Everglades City School, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry and other local organizations. The festival's overarching mission remains to sustainably host this family-friendly event, ensure continued contributions toward community reconstruction and create enhanced opportunities for youth and children.

The festival's 2025 operating hours are as follows:

- Friday February 7th: 4:30 - 10 p.m.
- Saturday February 8th: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Sunday February 9th: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Attendees can gain admission to the festival on Friday evening by making a canned food donation. Saturday and Sunday's adult admission will be a \$10 minimum cash donation. Beverage and carnival ride tickets will be available for purchase with cash (only), and ATMs will be available onsite.

About the Everglades Seafood Festival

For 55 years, the Everglades Seafood Festival has been essential in generating income to improve its community and help its residents. The host, Florida Stone Crabbers Association (FLSCA), is a non-profit organization founded May 2020 to help unite stone crab fishermen and advocate for the best interests of the stone crab industry.

Everglades City is a major producer of stone crab, and the festival supports commercial fishermen and the communities that keep them in business.

Online at www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org.